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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRENCH ARMS PROVISION TO SOMALIA

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QUAI HAD PREVIOUSLY TOLD US THAT THE GOF WAS NOT
PROCEEDING WITH ANY RPT ANY ARMS DELIVERIES TO
SOMALIA, BUT ON SEPTEMBER 7 THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR
ASIA GUEGUINOU GAVE US MORE PRECISE INFORMATION ON
THE CURRENT FRENCH POSITION. GUEGUINOU SAID THAT
WHILE THERE WERE NO ARRANGEMENTS FOR ARMS DELIVERIES,
THE GOF POSITION WAS NOT SO FIRM AS HAD BEEN REPORTED
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BY THE PRESS -- THE GOF HAS NOT MADE A FORMAL
DECISION NOT RPT NOT TO PROVIDE ARMS. AS THE GOF
HAD TOLD US EARLIER (REF B), THERE HAD BEEN AN
AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE ARMS WITH SAUDI ARABIA PAYING
FOR THEM. THERE HAD BEEN A DISPUTE OVER THE TERMS
OF PAYMENT AND THE MODE AND PAYMENT OF TRANSPORT,
AND THE SOMALIS HAD JUST NOT RESUMED THE

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRANCE. HENCE, UNLIKE THE US, THE GOF HAS NOT FORMALLY TURNED DOWN THE SOMALI REQUEST AND SET CONDITIONS FOR ITS RENEWAL (SUCH AS TERMINATION OF OGADEN HOSTILITIES). THE GOF IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE OGADEN AND A POSSIBLE SOMALI THREAT TO DJIBOUTI, BUT IT WOULD REVIEW ITS EARLIER DECISION IN PRINCIPLE ONLY IF SOMALIA RETURNED TO THE ARMS DISCUSSIONS WITH AN ACCEPTANCE OF GOF TERMS. GOF WOULD THEN DECIDE IN THE LIGHT OF THE OVERALL SITUATION.

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